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EDITORIAL

LET'S BE "FOR" SOMETHING!

It's a common thing to hear people say, emphatically, that they are against a thousand and one things. Infrequently a courageous soul will raise a hesitant voice these days to announce that he is *for* something.

Every mother's son of us is *for* the United States of America. Political ties should be a minor consideration and taking sides on any problem that might affect the war effort verges on treason. Every YD man is for a united front against a common enemy and thrice damned be they, thinking or unthinking, who lend any support to strikes. When anyone voices, in your presence, reasons why any strike is justified, give him the same blast you gave Jerry in 1918.

If we haven't enough meat — it's for the boys and girls in service! If we haven't enough coal — it's for the same group not indirectly but directly! It's the same story on gasoline and any other commodity that comes to mind. If taxes and your commitments on bonds and stamps keep your pocketbook thin it's for that gallant band who are fighting this war the hard way — with bullets!

The sacrifice is well worth it and well we who fought the last war know it. Every man and woman with an IQ above 50 knows full well that the old order of things has gone and we are experiencing the birth pangs of a new era. Never has one generation experienced or seen so much as has ours. Never has the future looked so bright for the untold millions coming after us — but wishing won't bring it to pass. It will take courage, moral and physical and our men and women of the services and most of our people on the home front have just what it will take.

Being for these things, without mental reservation, will bring lasting peace in our time for our children and our children's children!

The National Commander Says

It is with deep regret that I report to you that we are running behind last year's figures in dollars and cents. This is chiefly due to the increased cost of publishing DOINGS. Like you know, Liberty, The Saturday Evening Post and most all other magazines have doubled their sales prices to compensate for increased costs. We had counted upon your full cooperation of greatly increasing the membership in Y.D.V.A. You have failed us, but we shall continue to carry on.

There is much we could do as a veteran organization, if we had the membership, numerically, to back us up. For instance:—

Do you know the President of these United States will only grant interviews to the National Commanders of the two largest veteran organizations? If our actual strength could be made known in Washington, our association would also be entitled to that privilege.

Do you know we have tried, and are still trying, to have one of the many ships which are being built and launched, named for our great and beloved leader, General Clarence R. Edwards? If our membership were large enough to make our strength felt in Washington, this would now have been history.

Do you know your government life insurance is being taxed, even though there is a law against this abuse. Also, paragraph eleven in your policy states "The proceeds of this policy are exempt from all taxation." This taxation of your government life insurance is morally a breaking of a written contract or agreement, by your government, with the soldier or war veteran. Public Law No. 262 of the 74th Congress reads: "Payments of benefits due or to become due shall not be assignable, and such payments made to, or on account of, a beneficiary under any of the laws relating to veterans shall be exempt from taxation, shall be exempt from the claims of creditors, and shall not be liable to attachment, levy, or seizure by or under any legal or equitable process whatever, either before or after receipt by the beneficiary." However, by a rearrangement of words, the Internal Revenue Department has found a way to levy an excise, or indirect tax, upon this government life insurance. They claim, "It is an excise imposed upon the transfer of or the shifting in relationships to property at death." Without success, your National Commander, has asked the Treasury Department to adjust and remove this self-made regulation. Thereupon he contacted the Honorable James J. Davis, U. S. Senator from Penna., who, likewise appealed, without results, to the Treasury Department. Under date of Nov. 29th, 1943, Senator Davis writes, "I very much appreciate your letter of Nov. 26th in which you further discuss the matter of taxation upon the insurance policies of veterans.

You may rest assured that I will call this matter to the attention of my colleagues in the Senate Finance Committee and urge that they take the action necessary to rectify this condition.

I wish to thank you very much for the interest you have shown in calling this matter to my attention."

Now, Comrades, you can do much to help this cause by writing to your U. S. Senators and having your friends do likewise. Those on the Senate Finance Committee to whom you should write are:

David I. Walsh, Mass.; Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., Mass.; Peter G. Gerry, R. I.; John A. Danaher, Conn.; Scott W. Lucas, Ill.; Josiah W. Bailey, No. Car.; Joseph F. Guffey, Penna.; James J. Davis, Penna.; Robert W. Taft, Ohio; Arthur H. Vandenburg, Mich.; Edwin C. Johnson, Col.; Eugene D. Milliken, Col.

This is a matter which should concern every veteran of the last war as well as every soldier and sailor in this war. Let us all write to these Senators, so our strength will be felt in Congress.

Your National Commander has made the following visitations:— Phila. Chapter on Nov. 26th. The dedication and installation of Germantown Chapter No. 170, Military Order of the Purple Heart on Dec. 1st. Executive meeting in Hartford on Dec. 4th. Testimonial Dinner to our grand pal and P.N.C. Ben Bourn, at Hartford on Dec. 4th. Headquarters in Boston on Dec. 6th, and Phila. Chapter on Dec. 17th.

One thing I would like to call to your attention is the wonderful meals put up by one of our own YD boys, Eddie Malone. If any of you are within driving distance of 255 Church Street, New Haven, look up Eddie at the Three Steins. You will be well repaid. Eddie is doing much for Y.D.V.A. and you should know about it.

On December 21st it was my sad duty to assist the Philadelphia Chapter in paying our last respects to Michael J. Tierney of Atlantic City, a member of New York Chapter who died December 15th at Clinton, Mass. A salute to Commander Wintner and Philadelphia Chapter, who upon a few hours notice, arranged to give Comrade Tierney a full military funeral. Four of the six YD boys acting as pallbearers, after working all night went directly from their work to assist in this funeral. That is the true YD spirit.

I wish you all a Most Happy and Prosperous New Year and all the Years to come.

— William A. Forsyth,
Nat. Commander.

Greetings from 26th Inf. Div.

Headquarters
TWENTY-SIXTH INFANTRY DIVISION
United States Army.

Yankee Division Veterans Association
Huntington Avenue
Boston, Massachusetts

The Officers and men of the Yankee Division extend to the members of the Yankee Division Veterans Association hearty greetings for a Merry Christmas and sincere best wishes for a successful and Happy New Year.

W. S. Paul
Major General, United States Army
Commanding.

"Then–Now–Forever"

So I'm a Brass Hat says Thibault. After reading his article, I had to read my own over again. Thought maybe I might be getting a little off the beam, but guess not, as the article was O.K. Cribbage Thibault just didn't get the point. I was merely trying to wake Boston up to build up our membership, and to find out about the Boston YD Memorial Building set up. As expected, no answer from Boston, but instead a going over by a man who missed the bus. Haven't been to State Meetings of late. "There's a War On my Friend." But did go for many years without missing once and have only missed 3 meetings in 25 years, every Tuesday night at Lynn Chapter. Not Brass Hat Spirit, my friend. Brass Hats don't do any work but take the glory. Lynn's membership is now 259 — what's yours, Inspector. If you want a challenge, bet I can form a new Chapter in Mass. before you do, just for a little contest to help Jim Crain, whom I highly respect.

Thanks for the kind remarks from Philadelphia, but I still believe, Boston should give us the low-down and also believe we should call a Special Convention and invite those live wire outfits, 101st Infantry Association and 104th Infantry Association to sit in with us. Here's what I mean fellows — We all fought together as a Division — 26th Yankee — We all needed each other. We still do, more than ever. Get it? Only recently a big YD affair was held in Lawrence by the 101st Inf. Ass'n. A lot of celebrities were there. Wonderful, but, in the DOINGS I read the guest list and there was missing the name of Lawrence Chapter Commander Joe Walton — Why?

Maybe I just don't understand, but I do know this — It don't help Y.D.V.A.

— Ray Doucette, P.N.C.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Comrades:

The National Tribune, a paper published weekly for sole benefit of all veterans, printed in its Dec. 16 issue just recently received the following article which needs no further remarks.

It is hoped you will think it good enough to republish in the next issue of good old YANKEE DOINGS. Again after reading the article it is hoped that all former YD men will stop for the moment and drop a card to their Senators and urge the passing of these important bills to the benefit of our all too many disabled buddies.

Anyway, want to wish you a most pleasant Christmas and trust the New Year will treat all of us much better than the one passing out.

Sincerely,
— Frank Ingraham.

All World War I veterans and their dependents should write to their Senators requesting support of two veteran relief measures recently passed by the House of Representatives, advocates Commander in Chief Carl J. Schoeninger of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The two bills are H. R. 3356 and H. R. 3377. The former proposes a 15 per cent increase in pensions for disabled veterans and increased amounts for dependents, and is designed especially to help combat increased living costs since Pearl Harbor.

The second bill would grant a $10 per month increase in pensions being paid by the Government to veterans who are totally and permanently disabled with injuries which lack service-connection proof, and in some instances would add $20 a month to their pensions. These men currently got $40 per month. This increase is also urged as a means of helping these veterans to meet increased living costs.

Schoeninger says that the passage of these measures in Congress is long overdue. He points out that Government employes, and industrial workers in general, were granted wage increases, in recognition of increased prices in food, coal and other commodities, early in 1942.

"Only those who are disabled will benefit from this legislation," explained Commander Schoeninger. "In most cases these disabled veterans of World War I depend on their pensions as their only source of livelihood. Some are able to supplement these pensions with part-time employment. Those who are permanently and totally disabled are obviously helpless.

"These two bills are being supported strongly by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. We have been fighting for their enactment ever since Congress applied the 'Little Steel' formula to wage control policies. By all standards of decency and humane treatment, we owe these disabled veterans this help which they can obtain from no other source."

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BRATTLEBORO

Have been reading YANKEE DOINGS tonight in bed and am all burnt up. For three months there has not been anything said about the largest chapter in Vermont. "Why?" Don't know, but there is some news. We have not had a meeting for a long time. I for one am working nights so I cannot go very often. But I took a night off to go to a Venison Supper at Nick Schultz's house on a Sunday night given for the Y.D.V.A.. Vick Vallier and wife and daughter and myself rode in Crazy Bill's (Bill Gilson) truck and what a feed. I did not feel right for two days.

We are only small fry but we find a way to get there. I think it a shame that after Nick and his wife worked so hard to give us a good time that a few more could not attend, as I know of some of our members that could have gone as they had cards in advance and could have answered at least.

Come on boys, let us wake up and put up a bluff anyway. Anyone that don't believe we have a good time at old man Schultz's house just come some time and we will show you some of the picked bones that we throw away.

— A. H. Bernard.

MONTPELIER-BARRE
"Washington County Chapter"
Commander: James F. Mayette
64 North St., Montpelier, Vt.
Secretary: Ralph A. Lawliss
51 Elm St., Barre, Vt.

Our last meeting was held on Sunday evening, November 28th at the home of our Chaplain, Kenneth McIntosh. Some twenty of us wives included sat down to a nice buffet luncheon at 6.30 p. m. prepared by the hostess. Following this a general discussion of World War No. 1 and II was talked over with our own experiences predominating.

About 9.30 we took over in the front room and opened our business meeting. Minutes of the last meeting was read and approved. The matter of relief of one of our members was brought up and discussed and I am glad to report that since this meeting the 'Buddy' has been allowed an additional amount of $30.00 a month.

Our December meeting has been omitted on account of the holidays and the January one will be on Sunday evening the 23rd at the home of Enoch Lyman on Northfield road. The meeting was adjourned at 11.00 p. m. Real winter weather up here in Vermonth the past six days; from December 11th to 18th it has been around 20 degrees below zero every day.

— Ralph Lawliss.

MORRISVILLE
Commander: Lewis F. Delano
Morrisville, Vt.
Secretary: Earle J. Morrill
Morrisville, Vt.

The gang met the other evening at the home of "Jim" and "Ma" Kelly for what proved to be a very interesting evening. Some time was spent looking over the old 101st Machine Gunners' book which contains history and pictures of former buddies.

The ladies served lunch of sandwiches, doughnuts, pickles and coffee. Although our gang is small, and because of war-time restrictions, it is difficult to travel about, we believe that the get-together with reminiscing and discussion, will do a lot to hold the old YD gang together.

Some of the boys attending this meeting were: Commander Lewis Delano, "Ernie" Mercia, "Ed" Emmons, "Perc" Sweetser, "Cub" Silloway, and "Ex" Morrill.

"Jim" Kelly and "Ma" are the perfect host and hostess — "Jim" never lacking a good story for the occasion and the Irish wit to put it across.

This YD post would welcome letters or cards from former buddies.

— Ex. Morrill.

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

Dep't. Commander: John H. Crain, 160 Union St., Leominster, Mass.

BOSTON

Commander: Joseph C. Simmons
21 Strathmore Rd., Wakefield, Mass.
Secretary: H. Guy Watts
200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

The Monthly Smoker for December was very well attended and another evening of movies was shown by Sergeant Mintz. The pictures were the "Official War Pictures of Russia." Sergeant Mintz told me that if any YD Chapter, Legion, V.F.W. or D.A.V. Post would like to have any of the pictures shown at their meetings to either get in touch with him at the State House or drop a line and if the night was open he would gladly give a showing.

The Annual Military Ball was a huge success. One of the best we ever had. Boxes were reserved for the Army, Navy, Marines and Coast Guard. General Miles and staff represented the Army. Admiral Theobold the Navy. Riseman's Orchestra did a great job. Walter Grant was General Chairman. Harold Gillis handled the publicity and we had more of that than any year. Tony Rock did a fine job on the program. Boxes were subscribed for by General Sherburne, our Trustees, Allan Forbes, John C. Kiley and Edward J. Frost. The Washington Press (Ray Rosseel and John Delaney), 26th Inf. M.O.M. Col. Vincent Breen C.O., Captain Edw. A. Connor, A. Wallenstein, YD Post A.L., YD Auxiliary, The Poker Players Association. There were many different uniforms. All the services were represented with Women's Corps of the Marines, Army and Navy. Two YD daughters were there in uniform. Ruth Fallon, daughter of John Fallon, Signal Corps, is now a sergeant in the Marines. Mary Louise Hannon, daughter of William Hannon, 102nd Infantry and Divisional Quartermaster of Charlotte, N. C., is P.F.C. in the WAC's and stationed at Camp Edwards.

Lt. James A. Cresswell has just returned from several months' tour of duty in North Africa. Jim is with the MP's.

A long letter has just been received from Lieut. Jack Cleary from somewhere outside the country. Jack is not a YD man but has been very close to the YD for years and has assisted many when he was with Congressman McCormack.

Ed Malone is still at Camp Tyson, Tenn., but expects to move very soon.

First Sergt. John D. Mullaney, formerly of Hdqrs. Co., 104th Infantry, now with the Army Air Force, is now in England.

Douglas M. Clark, Hdqrs. Co., 104th Inf., now living in Michigan, dropped in at the club on November 11th. He is with the General Motors Overseas Section.

Fred B. Wilton, Hdqrs. Co., 104th Inf., now Postal Officer at Camp George Meade, Md., dropped a Christmas card saying he has made the grade of Captain, A.G.D. Congrats Fred.

The last V letter received from Linwood Gilman, B Co., 101st Inf., was signed Captain so Lin must have been doing a good job in England, where he has been for the past year.

YD Auxiliary

The regular monthly meeting of the YD Auxiliary was held on Wednesday evening, December 8, and it was a pleasant surprise to see so many members present.

Mrs. Helen Kellen held a Penny Sale at her home in Somerville on Thursday, Dec. 2 and had a very nice party and a successful one as well as disposing of all the articles left over from our Penny Sale of November 13.

Mrs. Annie Travis was the winner of the Console Set, donated by Mayor Tobin. Mrs. Ethel Olsen won the door prize—a very pretty pair of pictures and Miss Kay Boyle was the winner of the beautiful hand crocheted apron presented to President Kellen by Mrs. Mann of Corinna, Me.

It was nice seeing most of our officers and three past presidents attending the YD ball at the Copley Plaza Hotel, Dec. 11.

President Lillian Kellen led the grand march with the President of the YD Club, Joseph C. Simmons, and Senior Vice-President Helen Kellen, Jr., Vice-President Catherine Reimer, Secretary Dorothy McCarthy, Guard Hazel Murphy; also in the line of march were Past Presidents Mary Smith and Annie Travis with our Gold Star Sister, Amelia Pintents looking on.

The mystery package donated this month by Annie Mechan was won by Agnes La Casse.

— Lillian M. Kellen.

BEVERLY

Commander: William H. Davis
11 Woodlawn Ave., Beverly, Mass.
Secretary: Frank L. Smith
2 Harrison Ave., Beverly, Mass.

You know "It's a long alley that doesn't have an ash barrel." Here I've been squawking for the last

six months because I didn't have anything to write about and now the gang came to life and put me on the spot.

Our last Chapter meeting was really good. We had about thirty present and accounted for, along with a visit from some of our friends from over the borders. Gil Cass, Harold Williams, Hervey Bishop, and Charlie Davis from Danvers blew in, and Charlie brought along his nephew, a disabled World War II boy, one of those kids that have really taken a hammering with our Navy. And that old reliable, Dept. V.C. Emile Thibault, came along from Salem and brought Treasurer Wilfred Thibodeau with him. A lot of our own members somehow got late passes and that happy warrior, guardian of the law along our main stem at night, Lou Diebner, came out of the bushes to salute Chet Grant.

And that last name, ladies and gentlemen, caused all of the ruckus. Chet, besides being a member of the club, is a Past Dept. Commander of the Legion and at present is serving on the Legion National Committees on Americanism and Post War Rehabilitation. In spite of a heavy cold, he spoke for about three-quarters of an hour on rehabilitation, not only of World War II men, but also of our own World War I men, and in that time hardly a chair squeaked in the room. I only wish that every YD man could have heard him and have been interested enough to assist in carrying out the program which he suggested. I only wish that every mother and every father and every sister and brother of a man in the armed forces could have heard him. I will venture that the apathy of some people toward the returned disabled veteran would be aroused so that we would have action instead of just promises. Emile Thibault wants Chet to repeat his talk at a State Department meeting so that some of the other chapters can get the same information that we did.

There isn't much more. Our membership is about one-third larger than last year. Our Commander, Bill Davis, is really on the ball. Your secretary is at your service. To the members of the chapter, let's go get the rest of the old gang back on the wagon. Fellows like Gordon Coole, Eliot Tozer, Earl Grant, Guy Fossiano, Bill Hadley, and Joe Metcalfe, have not been around lately. A little back checking might help. The more the merrier. — F. L. Smith.

HAVERHILL

Commander: Ernest A. Meteyer
Old Groveland Rd., Bradford, Mass.
Secretary: W. Perry Tarleton
18 Chestnut St., Groveland, Mass.

We'll take Charlie Davis' word for it and it has been proven, too, that the printing of names in YANKEE DOINGS helps us to locate our buddies. As this issue is nearest to our installation, here they are, married to the chapter for the coming year, for better or worse: Commander, Ernest A. Meteyer; Senior Vice, Ballard Crockett; Junior Vice, Martin Galvin; Treasurer, Francis P. Lynch, P.C. Secretary, W. Perry Tarleton, P.C.; Sgt.-at-Arms, William H. Gordon; Chaplain, Jeremiah V. Lynch; Historian, Charles P. Brindamour; Trustees, William H. Gordon, Harry Pluff, P.C., and Martin Galvin.

Nice to know that our Past Commanders are in here pitching, not just the medal and run away. Our first Commander, John Dwyer lives too far away to make the meetings, St. Petersburg, Fla., about a dozen miles from our comrade, Art Flanders.

Our sympathy goes out to Comrade Clyde Norton in the recent loss of his sister.

The boys expressed their appreciation in hearing from Major Harry B. Campbell during his absence.

Robert Legault and John J. Sheehan, formerly of our Drum Corps, are now in the armed services. Good luck, unanimously.

Commander Lynch, in an expose of his travels, remarked at the fine reception given him while representing the YD at various functions. The chair appointed a committee on Honor Rolls, Tarleton, Meteyer, Crockett, to work with the auxiliary. It is in mind to provide three (1) World War I, (2) Auxiliary, wives, sisters, daughters, (3) World War II.

Dewey Vincent, while no longer confined to his home is unable to go back to work. Frankie Fortier is at Rutland. Martin "Doggie" Goyette has improved and out.

S.V. Ernie Meteyer recently conducted a successful turkey raffle, produced plenty of folding money. Ernie is our turkey contact man and really has an 'in'.

My two tummies are shaking with mirth as I picture Perry Tarleton taking the oath of Secretary when he will hear, "Mr. Secretary, yours is a thankless job." And I'll be saying, soto voce, "You ain't kiddin' ".

— Ballard Crockett.

NEW BEDFORD

Commander: Louis Marcoux
34 Arlington St., New Bedford, Mass.
Secretary: Charles Bowden
55 Fruit St., New Bedford, Mass.

Our monthly meeting was held in Carpenter's Hall, Sixth street, Tuesday evening, Dec. 14th with Commander Marcoux in the chair with all officers present; in fact our officers are making a very good showing, which is very gratifying to all our comrades.

We are pleased to hear that Comrade Kenyon is able to be up and about and hope he will soon be at our meetings again.

We sure missed Joe Gillow at the meeting. It does not seem to be quite complete without Joe making a big noise about the place.

We are urging the members to please send in their $1.00 for the Christmas cards they received from the YD.

During the course of the meeting our Bond drawing was held and our esteemed Comrades Antone Mello ond Armond Duclos both copped a bond.

Speaking of our Bond Raffle, the members tried very hard to put it across and high honors go to Len McDonnell and the Drum Corps and to Bill Barter who is always ready to do his part and to all other comrades who helped to make it a success.

Our Commander, Louis Marcoux, is going to be a very busy man this winter putting the Drum Corps instruments in shape by having them cleaned and painted, so if there are any comrades who are experts at that kind of work Louis will sure appreciate their help.

At the close of the meeting the latest war pictures were shown and refreshments were served. Come to the meetings comrades, as we always have something good to make it a pleasant evening for all.

The officers had hopes that we would attain 100 members before the year was out. We have only 89 — so keep on your toes comrades and let each one of us try to contact former members and bring them back into the fold. Our next meeting will be held the second Tuesday in January.

We wish each and every comrade a very Happy New Year and hope the coming year will be as successful as 1943.

— Charles Bowden.

SALEM
Commander: Lucien Pelletier
40 Linden St., Salem, Mass.
Secretary: Charles A. Laforme
33 Balcomb St., Salem, Mass.

News while it is news ... .

We had a meeting this month, full of WIM—WIGOR—AND WITALITY, as it used to be—as it should be—by the way we have a brand new Commander, Willie Ham Spot McHugh — by gum I plumb forgot I should say Councillor McHugh—Lucien Cribbage Pelletier resigned as Commander. Lucien works nights at the General Electric plant. He felt he could not swing both jobs at the same time, so we accepted his resignation with regrets. We proceeded to elect a new Commander. Willie Ham won 100% vote for McHugh. Hurrah for the infant of Co. H, 104th Infantry.

We had quite a delegation from Dog Patch County at the meeting headed by Pappy Yokum Calhoun—Lil Abner Pelletier—Marrying Sam-Wright—Major Hoople Walsh—Uncle Phil Laforme—Harold Teen Tomkins—Moon Mullins Gagnon—Alley Ooops St. Pierre—Donald Duck Thibault—Yard Bird Smith—Joe St. Charles—Rosie's Beau, Thibodeau and Superman McHugh.

We voted to change meeting dates from Sunday afternoons to the third Thursday evening of the month, so good-by Sunday afternoon penny ante game.

Oh, yes, we had a city election also, and what do you think. Our own William Ham Spot McHugh was elected a City Father. Spot came out top man in the race for Councillor-at-Large. He received over 9100 votes. It is the first time in the history of Salem elections that a dark horse, who was making his first try for public office came out top man. The only candidates who received more votes than Spot was Mayor Coffey who got about 9500 votes — so from now on you guys, it is Councillor-Commander Spot W. E. McHugh.

— Donald Duck Thibault.

WORCESTER
Commander: Harold A. Nute
2 Preston St., (3), Worcester, Mass.
Secretary: Clyde O. Elliott
8 Newbury St., (2), Worcester, Mass.

Well the first thing to do is to wish everybody the greetings of the season, "Merry Christmas and a very Happy and Prosperous New Year." Everything here is rolling along as well as the season will let it—what with shopping for gifts and getting the mail in before the last minute. As Nutey says, "I don't want to work all night just to get a few pieces of mail out."

The following comrades have been convalescing since our last meeting: George A. Gaumond, chaplain; Joseph F. Tivnan, at the Veterans Hospital, Rutland, and Edward F. Robinson at home; Mike Shea has improved so that he is able to get about. The first two have "piles of trouble", or is it "trouble of piles". Eddie had blood poisoning in the leg, and Mike has returned from his stay in the Bronx Hospital. Several of the boys are now down with slight illnesses but it is to be hoped that they will be around by the time the meeting comes in a couple of weeks.

I see by the DOINGS that there is a controversy started by P.N.C. Doucette and Emil Thibeault of Salem in regards to attendance at the State Meetings; it seems too bad that anything like that should have to be aired out in the DOINGS instead of on the floor of the State meetings where it belongs, but then better off the chest than leaving it there to brood over.

As I sit here gathering the bits of news for the next issue of DOINGS, I am mindful of the fact that

the chapter at this time extends its sympathy to our Comrade, Joseph F. Tivnan, on the loss of his father.

This being the period between meetings there is not a great lot to say, so until the time for the next bit of news from this chapter, will close wishing everybody the season's greetings. — Clyde O. Elliott.

DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND

Dep't. Commander: William E. Bergin, 105 Prospect Hill Ave., Natick, R. I.
Dep't. Secretary: Arnold E. Beech, 99 Englewood Ave., Pawtucket, R. I.

KENT COUNTY CHAPTER
Commander: James Dyson
32 Whiting Ave., Lakewood, R. I.
Secretary: Arthur F. Brown
230 Coburn St., Oakland Beach, R. I.

The December meeting was well attended. Carl Olson, Ed Luther and George MacLeod, appointed to the nomination committee for the State Department.

The Christmas Party was a great success and a large number of the comrades and their friends, were present. The hall was decorated with colorful paper and the ladies came in, as they always do, with a wonderful collation. Many thanks to the ladies for the gifts. We all acted like kids.

The next meeting, January 16, 1944, Sunday afternoon, 2 P. M., School street, Crompton, R. I. This meeting is a State Department meeting. We expect a delegation from Connecticut. We hope to have a good number from Providence Chapter and Apremont Chapter to help receive the delegates.

Commander Jimmie Dyson would like very much to have National Commander Forsyth be present at this meeting. Jimmie said he would guarantee him five angel cakes and the best of wine in order to wash each bite down. Well with a guarantee our National Commander can't go wrong.

The chapter thanks Oliver O. Lewis for the fine writeup on the history of the chapter. Let's all get out to the January meeting and make it a success. Give 1944 a good start.

— A. F. Brown.

PROVIDENCE
Commander: Michael Crescenzo
863 Hope St., Providence, R. I.
Secretary: Bill McAllister
71 Calaman Road, Cranston, R. I.

In firing the opening salvo I'd like to hand a bouquet of orchids to Royal L. Thomas, formerly of Battery A, 103 F.A. and a member of the Lynn Chapter. Roy at present is director of the U.S.O. in San Diego, Cal. Last October, a young Marine officer was critically injured in a mid-air crash. Being a friend of the lad's dad I got in touch with Comrade Thomas who paid a visit to the youth in the San Diego Naval Hospital. Roy in turn wrote to the officer's parents in Rhode Island and believe me, comrades, that letter meant more to them than words can express. I merely mention this to prove that with a little effort and sacrifice the spirit of YDism can travel from Coast to Coast. Thanks, Roy, for your unselfish cooperation.

In the time of war no one can tell what the future holds. If it is ever the misfortune of a YD man to have a son hospitalized in Rhode Island, I suggest you get in touch with Kenneth Dennis, 22B Thurston Avenue, Newport, R. I. or our Chaplin, Ralph Whitman, 455 Killingly street, Providence, R. I. I know they will do all in their power to help you in your moments of anxiety.

Our December meeting was opened by Commander Crescenzo who paid a tribute to our P.N.C. Len Maloney. Ray Taylor, pinch-hitting for our hard-working treasurer, Horace Thayer, announced the chapter was in the black. Ed Mara replaced my partner in crime "Betty Grable" Murray, who has forsaken us to teach school down at R. I. State. Plans were completed for the Christmas Party Dance to be held for servicemen at the Narragansett Hotel. Progress was reported for our next YD event which will be Past Commanders' Night, Feb. 2, 1944.

I'm in receipt of a very interesting letter from John E. Creamer, formerly of Bty. C, 103rd F.A., whose shingle now adorns 780 Eleventh avenue, New York City and palms himself off as a glorified wheelwright and blacksmith. In his travels between Boston and Washington he has met Capt. William O'Rourke, Don Miller, T. Howard Kelley and Colonel Ken Johnson. Listen Jack, is the Colonel whom you mention the old stringbean, Ken Johnson who went over the top on Armistice Day, 1918 and invited the German Army to have dinner with C Bty. of the 103rd F.A.? From now on you are our U.S. reporter. Whenever you meet old Rhode Islanders send their names in as that is the sort of news we're looking for.

P.S. I'm mailing you a few application blanks. In case?

Our membership drive is still on. Ken Dennis, our Newport representative reports that "Smooth Top" Stang machine-gunned a beautiful 18 Pd. Turkey

which crossed the border line of his back yard. He also reports he is on the trail of a doughboy, named Crogan, formerly of South Boston. Capt. "Seaweed" Crowell absolutely refuses to caulk Jack Kirsher's boat until he signs an application for 1944-45. Gus Stratford, a plodder of the sidewalks, delivering Uncle Sam's mail, reports that business is good. Well, Gus, you delivered the goods in 17-18 with the old 104th. In 1944 many unseen eyes count your step from corner to corner hoping and praying that within your brown bag is that long awaited letter.

Last but not least is Fred Vogt, a machine-gunner in old Co. C. Well, Fred, I hope it's not true that you are sleeping with your monkey wrench and other tools just to turn out more work for the bang-up job you're now doing for Uncle Sam.

By the way here's a plug for the Secretary of the Detroit Chapter. The boys of old Company C, 103rd M.G.B. extend to you their best wishes for a prosperous New Year. Capt. William H. Munsell still thinks Co. C was the best outfit that ever stuck a hobnail into the mud of France. Personally "Bill" I never knew they were in the 26th Division until I joined the Y.D.V.A.

Through the efforts of our good Chaplin, Ralph Whitman and a collection of Red Stamps, conditions pending, we have been assured of enough hamburger to serve a meat-ball and spaghetti supper. Questioned as to the quality of the meat by Kirk Smith, Ralph has guaranteed us heavy steer beef and no part of the horse Chick Story rode in the Armistice Day parade some years ago. Chief kay-pees, Leo Botarri and Jim Salafia offer this slogan. (The speeches will be short, the spaghetti long and the horseburgers tough. We fought together in February, 1917 and if necessary we can die together in February, 1944). Let's make February 2nd a date with the old YD and enjoy a pleasant evening provided for us by Chairman Davidson, Dunn and Kittredge. Past Commanders take notice.

Under the good of the Y.D.V.A. Fred Roberts, formerly of the 103rd F.A. and now a Chief Petty officer in the U.S.N., was introduced. In a well timed speech he told of the grand job the boys are doing in the South Pacific. Fred being a veteran of many engagements really had something on the ball. Not to be outdone some of the old YD men took issue with Fred as to the conduct of this war compared to World War I. P.S.C. McCaffery touched off the flame which turned into a question and answer period. Comments by P.S.C. Holland, Jack Kelly, Harold Downey, Joe Laffey, Howard Russell, Bob Eley, Joe Gregoire, Bill Sefton, proved most interesting. Round two was started by Comrade Ed Mara when he brought to light the fact that throughout our country today groups are gathering in discussing the important subject as to what treatment the boys expect in the post-war period. He also expressed the thought that the Y.D.V.A. in Rhode Island should be represented on such a committee.

Space does not permit comment on the many fine letters received thanking us for our YD playing cards. Two member's sons, Ernest W. Petit and Howard Russell expressed their thanks; others, strangers to us, did likewise. Due to the demand for more cards another order has been placed — as soon as they arrive they'll be mailed pronto.

At every meeting during the past six months we have had the pleasure of introducing new members. The latest: Peter Forrest, Hdqrs. Co., 103rd F.A. Charlie Hart, Co. A, 101st U. S. Engineers turned in a new one for '44-'45. We also signed up Willard D. Pierce, Archibald C. McLaughlin, Frank W. Walters, Col. Everitte St. John Chaffee, Earl W. Carpenter and the two best buglers in the 26th Division, Carl "Spud" Anderson and Edward "Snake" Hayden.

In our travels through the countryside for new members your truly and Whitman came across an old-timer, Lieut. Clarence T. Murdock, Clayville, R. I. and formerly of the 102nd Infantry. For a couple of hours we chewed the rag about the good old days of '17-'19. When the ex-Sgt. and the ex-Lt. started conversation regarding the good old days of Clayville in 1860-80, this youngster aged with every word. Apparently, Clarence, you are now convinced that Ralph chased the last Indian out of Clayville before you were born.

We had every hope of building up a nice $25.00 Kitty for Past Commander's night but Edwin Reid thought otherwise as he machine-gunned Laffey's pet for $22.17. Well, "Pop", here's hoping the wife took it away from you. Our next meeting will be held on January 5th. Remember the date, Pop.

To all our National Officers, Servicemen, sick comrades and the Editor of DOINGS, we of the Providence Chapter, wish you all a very Happy and Prosperous New Year. —Murray-Mack.

DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

Dep't. Commander: Clyde G. Beckwith, Manchester, Conn.
Dep't. Secretary: Clarence A. Roys, 87 No. Pearl St., Meriden, Conn.

GROTON-STONINGTON

Commander: Earl B. Lyon
Lord's Point, Stonington, Conn.
Secretary: Franklin Wadsworth
11 Greenman Avenue, Westerly, R. I.

After being guilty of missing out for two months with our chapter news your correspondent is writing this on the Boston and Maine R.R. on his way to Schenectady. Come hell or high water the mail must go through!

Our meeting in October was worthy of special mention as the Auxiliary put on a swell feed and we ended the evening by playing bingo to help swell the kittie the ladies are building up pretty fast. The Auxiliary reported that they have purchased the material for our new chapter flag and our Auxiliary President is doing a bang up job to keep things moving. In fact we take this opportunity of expressing our thanks to our ladies for their cooperation and splendid spirit of understanding. In particular we have reference to our Auxiliary President, Mrs. Wills and our assistant President, Arlene Sullivan. And right in there at every meeting you will find Mrs. Frank Babcock, Mrs. Con Riley, Mrs. Frank Wadsworth, Mrs. Ernest Fowkes, Mrs. Earl Lyon, Mrs. Harry Saunders and others that are all trying to make this chapter and our Auxiliary one of the best in the department.

We were surprised and very glad to have as our guests in October the Department Commander of Rhode Island, Bill Bergin and his wife. The welcome mat is always out for these two real YDers and we appreciate the interest and cooperation given us by the Department of Rhode Island.

Our meeting in November was a good one and considering all the members that work on Sunday the turnout was good. We voted in two new members which brings the total to 31 with five more on the fire and we have hopes of hitting our objective of 40 members by the first of the year.

Jack Riley paid us a visit and has promised to send in his dues this month. Doc Clark is coming in and Woodmansee is also in line for this next meeting. All told this chapter will end the year with a firm foundation which has been laid by the hard workers of this chapter with the help and cooperation of our State Commander Clyde Beckwith and his Sergeant-at-Arms E. Pimpare. Not forgetting the moral support given us by Len Maloney, Captain Clarence Geer, Ben Bourn and our many good friends in Bridgeport, Stamford and last but not least that YD gang from New Haven. How right was Len when he said Fred Hirsch and his New Haven Chapter were the spark plugs of the department.

Sepaking of Len your correspondent worked with him down in Stamford. Just a few days before he left us we had a long YD talk and somehow Len must of known that his number was up and that he was going to leave us. Len was YD. How we will replace him no one knows. To simply say that we shall miss him are mere words without too much meaning. But down deep within us, we of YD know how hard he worked for us and his beloved YD.

At New Haven we said good-bye to what once was a go-getter, an American, a soldier, a man that lived for his family and his God, that was proud of his old outfit and the men that he called his "Buddies". And as we turned away for the last time all these things came to us and our thoughts of what Len stood for made us brave in the moment of our sorrow. What more can any man ask to leave behind him than the record that Len has built in the years of his life with us.

There is no stone that man can carve with his hands that would represent the things that are carved on the heart of every true man of YD when we think of Len and what he as a man stood for and represented. And so we shall pick up his fallen banner and with hope in our hearts continue to pick up that YD banner, each time that it may fall, until that day when there are no more hands to hold high that spirit of YD or unfold that gold YD on the field of blue. But when all of us are gone and strangers will take our colors and tenderly furl them for the last time, may they say of us "that we were Americans, Soldiers, Lovers of our God, our country, our family and our Comrades. What more can man do or leave behind him than just that.

— Why-Dee.

HARTFORD

Commander: John J. Goss
31 Brownell Ave., Hartford, Conn.
Secretary: Samuel J. Rosen
83 Love Lane, Hartford, Conn.

Saturday evening, December 4, 1943 was a gala event for Hartford Chapter, Y.D.V.A. with its own Ben Bourn being honored with a testimonial dinner. A grand affair for a grand fellow. Guests present were too numerous to list. However let me say that

they came from far and wide to honor Ben. Principle guest and speaker was National Commander Bill Forsyth.

Lee Redfield, National Secretary, presented Ben with a YD ring on behalf of the national body, in recognition of Ben's untiring efforts in recruiting members for the Y.D.V.A.

From his friends and associates he received a gold wrist watch, presented by P.N.C. Albert Herman and to those of you who were not present to hear Al, let me say that you have reason to be regretful. Al was in grand style and his words will long be remembered by all who were fortunate to hear him. Fellows like you deserve better Al. Good luck to you.

Our regular meeting was held on Monday, December 6, 1943. Department Commander Clyde Beckwith was our guest this evening. It was also voted at this meeting to hold our regular yearly banquet, Saturday, February 5, 1944. Herb Nelson was appointed chairman of the banquet committee. Need I say any more. Better make reservations early.

Past Commander John Carter presented a YD ring to Commander Goss on behalf of Hartford Chapter for his untiring efforts on behalf of the chapter.

Mayor William H. Mortensen announced today the appointment of Col. Michael A. Connor as Police Commissioner for the city of Hartford.

— Samuel J. Rosen.

NEW HAVEN
Commander: Henry J. Dube
265 Gorham Ave., Hamden, Conn.
Secretary: Alexander J. Flynn
47 Dayton St., New Haven, Conn.

For the next three months we have plans for many activities for our ever growing membership to participate in and by the way with the addition of Capt. Clarence Guinan, Stanley Kane, Albert Bahnsen and Donald Miller at the December meeting, we are now 179 members strong.

At the last meeting Nils Friberg, past commander of YD Post 130, the American Legion and now serving his third term as commander of the A.E.F., Post 320, Veterans of Foreign Wars, gave a very interesting talk on the assistance being given to veterans of the present war who are being discharged from the service due to disability. They are giving essential help to these veterans' problems and offered the services of the post to any lad having any claim to adjust.

Jack Dillon reported Henry Dube and Felix Sparvell attended the testimonial dinner given in honor of P.N.C. Ben Bourn at the City Club in Hartford on December 4th and although the attendance was not large, a representative crowd was on hand from near and far. The affair was well handled; a fine dinner followed by top notch entertainment and the warbling of Ben Bourn was outstanding. The turnout was not representative of the esteem in which Ben is held by all of us. We were all with you in spirit Ben.

We are getting fine results in our scrap paper collection and urge all the members to turn in all their scrap paper and magazines as it will not only help the war effort by getting the much needed paper into the fight, but will also raise some revenue for the chapter.

The annual Christmas party was deferred this year, but the Children's Christmas Rememberance Committee have accumulated many toys, books, etc. At this writing it can be said, the hard working committee of Culver, Schurk, Becker and Brada, have received cooperation far beyond their expectations. This will enable them to make many children of the cripple children's home very happy at Christmas time.

Specially designed Christmas cards have seen bent to the 27 YD Veterans from New Haven who are again serving their country in the Armed Forces.

Also 80 Sons and Daughters of YD Veterans serving in the Global War will receive the Season's Greetings from the chapter.

One of our spark plugs, Fred Hirsch, was recently fouled by injury; he has been overhauled and is expected to get back into service the first of the new year. His absence has been keenly felt. We have reports that Midge Minor, Edwin Coulombe and Edward Jacques are well on the road to recovery at the Veterans' Facility at Newington and expect to be discharged soon. Charles Anderson, we are informed, has suffered a serious burn. We hope the new year brings you only the best of luck Charles. We were very sorry to learn of the great loss to Tommy Rourke and Pierce Redding whose mother and father respectively, passed away. Our since sympathy to you comrades.

Plans for Past Commanders' Night are in the works. It is scheduled for Thursday, February 10th at our Chapter Rooms. We expect you comrades will reserve this date for the Brass Hats. An enjoyable evening is in store for you.

The third annual get-together of the New Haven Chapter "Last Man's" Club will be held in February. The gathering is held on a date near the anniversary of the entrance of the 102nd Infantry into the Lines at Chemin des Dames, February 5, 1918. J. Edward Malone is chairman of the affair this year and with his experience in such affairs, it is conceded a grand party is in the offing. The Recorder, Fred Sabine, has not as yet emerged from the wilds of Goodsell Point, but with the dimout ban lifted, he'll be able to find his way out. Incidentally, J. Edward is the proprietor of the Famous Three Steins Grill and Fred is the

proprietor of the no less famous Pioneer Grill. Nuff said.

To all of you comrades whom we haven't had the opportunity to meet recently, the officers extend to you lots more New Year Happiness than ever came to you. — Alexander J. Flynn.

Dear Editor:

I'd like to use the columns of DOINGS to express to my many YD friends my sincere thanks for the many courtesies extended during my few weeks sojourn at the New Haven General Hospital. At first I tried to acknowledge all who so generously remembered me but as each day the mail became larger and larger I had to give up the idea. So if any of you who did write to me and did not receive a reply please understand that it was simply because it was a physical impossibility for me to reply to all.

For the flowers, books, magazines, fruit, jellies, baker beans (no snappers), cigars, cigarettes, etc., thanks again. I was kept well supplied. In fact my other three colleagues in my room christened themselves to YD. It sure was swell of you ALL.

— Fred V. Hirsch.

NORWALK
Commander: Hermas Poirier
Secretary: Albert W. Herman
3 Alden Ave., E. Norwalk, Conn.

On Dec. 17, the Norwalk Chapter held its last meeting for the year of 1943. In the absence of the Commander, who was unable to attend due to a bad cold, Past Commander Samuel Polley was delegated to conduct the meeting.

The cold weather did not keep our regular gang away from the meeting. As our guests at the meeting we had our old friends Steve and "Tiny" Torok from Stamford. The past month was a very busy one. A delegation from our chapter attended the Past National Commanders' dinner in Hartford. The following week our chapter was represented at the D.A.V. Installation in Norwalk. On the 12th of December, the chapter secretary was the principal speaker at the Italian-American Veterans' meeting.

The sick committee reported the following comrades are laid up with colds: John Kvance, Barney Clarke, Arthur Booth. Come on buddies get well. We need you at our meetings. Henry and Mabel Woods are doing a swell job by remembering our boys in service with Christmas packages — thanks to both of you. Our membership committee will go to work right after the new year. It is the wish of Commander Poirier to sign up as many new members as possible. I don't know of a nicer Christmas present for our National Commander than a lot of new members.

And now before we sign off, we send Christmas greetings to our hard working National Commander, and to all National Officers, to the Editor of YANKEE DOINGS, to the Department officers, and to all the Y.D.V.A. comrades all over the world, and a Happy New Year to everybody.

— Albert W. Herman.

DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Dep't. Comm.: Ralph A. Turgeon, 182 Moore St., Princeton, N. J.

DETROIT
Commander: Peter Sady
15414 Lindsay Ave., Detroit, Mich.
Secretary: William H. Munsell
14366 Coyle Ave., Detroit, Mich.

On December the 11th we were invited to the home of Jack and Emma Guittaud, the perfect host and hostess; their hospitality exceeded our expectations, I assure you. To those who did not show up or ignored the generous, warm and friendly feeling, which has always prevailed at Jack's home toward his buddies, I can only say, you missed your boat. What we need is action in this outfit, but nevertheless there were 15 who showed up, and the procrastinators who couldn't call up or show up missed a good time. There is no experience like making the 5:15 out of a R.R. station and being told by the conductor, when he comes to punch your ticket, that you are on the wrong train.

The party started at 8 p. m. that evening and yours truly, was the first on the scene, then came Captain Webster, "Dependable Webster," of the Army Air Corps, Major and now Grandfather Brackett, who took the writer like bread takes gravey in a friendly poker game. (Did I say friendly?) Good old standby John Klien was present. We hope Mrs. Klien is feeling better — "a swell and gracious lady." Francis Clark whom you can always count on was there also. Charlie Smith, who for the last three months has spent more time in bed than on his feet, was a sight for sore eyes to all of us. Athol Davis came in like a lamb and went out like a lion after he was steadfast and loyal to the beer and ham. Dickinson was the last one in and the last one out. I made a special effort to make the 6:15 Mass and offered a prayer for the repose of his soul. But I was told the next day that it was spiritual and not a physical struggle, but he made it in good old YD fashion. Leo Covey, our

eminent lawyer, who established a definite relationship to some of what used to be my money, had a good time also.

Our host Jack, who served a delicious 15-pound ham but who lost out (I tried to warn him), and who paid me not the slightest attention, finally came to life at last, raced pell-mell after an alluring scent, made a little run, leaped up on the table and affectionately licked the bone. The performance created a considerable stir; heroic measures had been used without the slightest response, curses and shouts left the boys unmoved; he had been cruelly cheated; even his favorite piece of cheese was gone.

Mrs. Brackett, who just came over for the Major, had been the unnoticed spectator, gently approached him, insinuated one affectionate arm around Jack's neck; instantly Jack's rigidity relaxed and almost blithely stepped forward, and at the bar he drowned his sorrows. Jack had Bourbon, Rye, Scotch, Gin, Beer and Ale on that bar and believe it or not, there was enough on hand for a YD convention.

We all regret to learn of the almost fatal and sudden heart attack that put our good and faithful comrade, Dave Swartz, in the Marine hospital.

We urge his friends all over to write and wish him a quick recovery. He is a man we should all be proud of. Billboards all over Michigan and possibly all over the country, read, "Not ashamed to pray," instituted by Dave, a good soldier and patriot.

P.S. Munsell should but could not show up. He had the flu, but he is OK now.

Walton is in the Vet Hospital in Dearborn. All wish him luck. "Thanks to Dick Scanlon again."

NEW YORK
Commander: Anthony F. Fanelle
636 East 35 St., Brooklyn, N. Y.
Secretary: Harold B. F. Lonergan
3961 - 10th Avenue, New York City

Following our Executive Committee meeting and our monthly get-together dinner, both well attended, the regular meeting of New York Chapter, Y.D.V.A., was called to "order" by Commander Anthony F. Fanelle at 8.30 p. m. in the Cooper room of the Prince George Hotel, 14 East 28th Street, New York City. The opening prayer was invoked by our National Chaplain, Rev. Father Thomas F. Temple. One minute of silence for our departed comrades. Introductions followed. Comrade Arthur H. Ronne introduced his son, Ralph Ronne, Machinist Mate first class, just back from the South Pacific, and he can be mighty proud of him, as we all are. Our kids are sure doing a swell job all over this world. On motion made by Buck O'Brien the minutes were dispensed with. Treasurer Bill Cowie reported a comfortable "bank balance." Jr. V. C. Joe Greenberg reported 159 members paid to date. Service Officer Buck O'Brien reported on Dr. Thomas MacRossie case.

We were all sorry to learn that our good comrade, Capt. James Tracy Potter (104th Inf.), has been ordered by his doctor to give up all social activities, and will not be able to attend our meetings for some time. Jim we're all rooting for you to get back to your old self again. Drop him a line, comrades. His address is 963 Boulevard East, Weehawken, New Jersey.

Mighty shocked to learn about our dear Pal up in Connecticut, Fred V. Hirsch, but you know Fred we are also rooting for you too, and hope to see you around again real soon.

Commander Fanelle then reported on the "Dinner" to be given our Past National Commander, Ben A. Bourn, at the City Club in Hartford on Saturday, December 4th. New York Chapter will be there.

A swell letter from our old comrade, Capt. George W. Cobb, Jr., was read by Secretary Lonergan. George is in Africa. Hope he meets up with another of our comrades, Lieut. Col. Egbert White also in Africa.

Comrade James S. Hurley (102nd Inf.), a charter member of New York Chapter, spoke on his association and service with our beloved late National Commander, Leonard J. Maloney. We all know Len was the "Daddy" of our chapter and Y.D.V.A. will miss a grand guy and a true and friendly comrade.

Commander Fanelle then appointed the "Nominating Committee" with National V. C. Ralph A. Turgeon as chairman, and assisted by P.C. Ed Nelson, Ed B. Writer, Lieut. Col. John Rachek, Michael Heberen, Harry Burt, Les K. McElwain, Fred Paty, Arthur H. Ronne, Andrew M. Lemon, Ralph F. Nevin and Alfred C. Kjelleren.

There is no doubt that this committee will bring in a slate of officers for the chapter who will be a credit to our chapter and the Y.D.V.A. Chairman then asked the members to send to him personally all suggestions, anyone may have on whom they would like to see nominated. All suggestions will be carefully weighed by his entire committee.

Jr. Vice-Comdr. Greenberg reported that our next installation of N. Y. chapter officers will be held on Washington's Birthday, February 22nd. It was agreed to kep it as such. This is a notice for all our National Officers, Dept. and Chapter Officers to mark this date on your "social" list.

Ralph Nevin then reported that Charlie Gibbs is out of town most of the time (he's a railroad man) and was very sorry he could not attend our meeting. Well Charlie you can bet we miss you too and thanks a million for your swell letter.

The War Bond drawing was won by Robert B. Dickson — Ticket No. 8544. The meeting adjourned at 9.45 p. m.

Following adjournment we were treated to a swell story together with moving pictures by the world famous Shark Hunter and Fighter Captain, Sharky Bill Young. At times he had our blood running cold with his graphic descriptions and all I can say is thank God we may never have to meet up with these brutes of the sea.

The Season's Greeting to all in Y.D.V.A.

— Harold B. F. Lonergan.

101st INFANTRY ITEMS

Here and there with the 101st . . . Maj. Phil Corbett (Supply) is Director of the Army Emergency Relief and is located in the Federal Bldg. at Boston . . . Cy Thompson (A Co.) is still critically ill at the Rutland Heights hospital . . . H Co. held an Armistice eve banquet that was such a success they are now making plans for a New Year's eve party . . . The new officers of H Co. are Major John T. Gleason, Pres., Pete McDonald, 1st Vice Pres., Irwin Jackson, 2nd Vice-Pres., and Tony Drago, Sec.-Treas. . . . To take a look at Frd Jones (G Co.) the beer in Worcester must be good . . . He looks in the pink . . . Lieut. Jim Cresswell (K Co.) has recently returned from Africa . . . Dutch Quandt (A Co.) is recovering from an operation at the John Adams Hospital . . . Which reminds me that when it comes to public speaking we are passing the orchids to Col. Larry Quigley, Commandant of the John Adams Hospital . . . We think he is "Tops" . . . Among the Xmas cards received was one from Knocko and his wife Mae . . . The names of his two sons Edward J. and John W., both serving with the U. S. Navy were on the card, adding greatly to the sentiments expressed . . . After an absence of several years we are glad to see Maj. Jack O'Meara (H Co.) back into circulation again . . . Haywood Mott, (Med.) is ill at the Veterans Hospital, Bronx, N. Y.

That Austrian outfit out in Indiana whose designation was the 101st Infantry Battalion has been disbanded on orders from Washington. Their leader was Archduke Otto of Austria. Many protestations were made regarding this gang taking our numerals in which the old 101st took a leading part.

Season's greetings to all. — Jim Powers.

E CO. ECHOES

Had a nice talk with Red Denner and Walter Ripley some weeks ago on a street corner in Boston . . . Both fine and fit . . . Red is a salvage engineer of no mean parts and is tremendously interested in salvage for war purposes . . . and is doing a whale of a job as his old buddies can well imagine.

At a football game on November 6th — North Quincy vs. Braintree — we sat next to Orville Caseley, his wife and daughter which gave us an opportunity for intermittent chatting . . . Saw Charlie Hurter on Armistice Day at the 11-11-11 Club — also Harold Brownson . . . Charlie feeling much better after his rather prolonged illness but taking it a bit easier . . . Charlie Bateman was elected President of the Savings Bank Association of Massachusetts at its annual convention in October, 1943 . . . Best of luck, Charlie . . . Charlie Watson — this seems to be quite a run of "Charlies" — was promoted to Assistant Secretary of the Boston Insurance Co. some months ago . . . he's also Vice Commander of the Winchester Post of the Legion . . . It's Senior Vice, so it looks as if he can't miss being Commander — if his comrades let him miss they're foolish because there's a real guy for Commander.

(Here's another Charlie coming up) . . . Charlie Allen's son was recently decorated with the aiguilette and shoulder cord for meritorious service as "Den Chief" — Medfield Pack of Cubs . . . that's part of the Boy Scout organization . . . and that's a real honor in that outfit . . . Congratulations . . . Now to switch to a Bill . . . we would like to ask Old Philosopher Bill Moody to explain to us that magic power of Frank Sinatra that sets the females to squealing and swooning . . . It's by us . . . Here's another card from Jim Chisholm from down in Houston, Texas, where he's turning out synthetic rubber for the armed forces.

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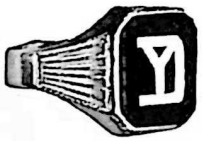

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